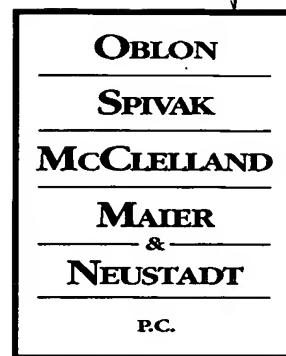




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In response to the election requirement dated July 24, 2006, Applicants elect of Species (2) the embodiment of figure 5 and further elects Sub-Species (2c) the third modification of second embodiment of figure 8, for further examination on the merits. Applicants identify Claims 8, 9, 15 and 20-28 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination in the merits of Claims 8, 9, 15 and 20-28 is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

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